



# Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

## Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall – 5<sup>th</sup> floor large conference room

**Members Present:** Annette Martinez Lievanos, Pat Watson, Susie Q. Parker, Christina Duran, Marisol Ruiz, David McNiel, Brian Percy, Randy Akes, Jr., Pat Watson, Wivory Brandle, Erin House, Laura Powers, Jay Dyer, Heather Troxel, Steve Stearns

**Members Excused:** Jacob Hernandez, Carolyn Hart, Cynthia Woods, Dana Kruckenberg, Barbara Brown

**Members Unexcused:** Manuel Carrasco, Rita Nieto, John Arroyos, Nancy Hart

**Guests:** Paul Chavez, Lindsay Abercrombie, Marie Leggette, Burma Lee Manns, Yesenia Ruiz

**Staff:** Eva Yakutis-McNiel, Director, Office of Neighborhoods; Martha Matus, Community Relations Assistant

### 1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Steve Stearns at 6:35 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of January 5, 2004.  
(House/McNiel/carried)

### 3. Board and Commission Meeting Times

City Clerk Colleen Nicol was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Eva Yakutis McNiel shared with the board a handout prepared by Ms. Nicol that detailed the meeting dates and times and locations of all commissions, who set those dates and times, and when the last changes were made. Motion made that Ms. Yakutis McNiel will bring forth any further information on the matter from the city clerk's office at the next meeting.  
(McNiel/House/carried)

### 4. LEAP Program Presentation

Burma Lee Manns, Fair Housing Council, presented information and an overview of the LEAP lead abatement program. The presentation was followed by Q and A.

### 5. CDBG Update

Erin Comstock, Housing and Community Development Division (HCD), gave an overview of the CDBG focus group process and its progress thus far. Q and A followed relative to the Public Service funding element, budget, administration, voting, priority list. Regarding the Public Service Element, HCD screens the applications, sends them to Agency Executive Association (AEA). No applicants are allowed on the AEA screening committee. RNP role once the focus group work is complete is to meet along with the CDAC at the RNP's March meeting to respond to community recommendations and make comments, recommendations, and give comments relative to evaluation of the new process. The comments will go to the City Council for review and for a second review in October 2004. Motion was made for the RNP and CDAC to meet independently to review and make recommendations, etc. The motion failed.

## **6. Neighborhood Reports**

Colony Heights Historic Neighborhood Association (Downtown): David McNiel reported that there has been an increase in garage break-ins in the neighborhood. Police suspect that the suspects are using various garage door openers and driving up and down streets and alleys using the openers until one opens, gaining them access.

Emerald Point Neighbors (Eastside): Christina Duran reported on a community ice cream social and asset mapping event taking place at Emerald Point Apartment Community on February 21.

Eastside Community Action Council (Eastside): Christina Duran reported on status of the Eastside Community Action Council (ECAC) which is an umbrella group for the eastside. They will meet at Cesar Chavez, and members must already be part of an organized neighborhood group.

## **7. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Mayor's Challenge Committee – Erin House reported that the committee members' paragraphs are due and will go to the full committee at the April meeting. Next meeting: February 17, 2004, 6:30, Kountry Folks Restaurant.

## **8. Office of Neighborhood Report**

- a. Thank you to Erin House for providing meeting space at his restaurant for the Mayor's Challenge subcommittee meeting. Also, Erin has his assignment completed.
- b. Office of Neighborhoods would like to meet with RNP executive board to discuss Office of Neighborhood goals for the coming year which includes some ideas for improving RNP programs.
- c. Conference volunteers are needed to do outreach about the conference, etc.
- d. There are two NMG applications for consideration, so the NMG subcommittee needs to meet.
- e. ABCD potluck at Martha's office coming up.
- f. New ordinance in the works re: permits necessary when more than two parolees are housed together.
- g. Report on Southern California Neighborhood Partners meeting in Pasadena last month.
- h. Distribution of RNP maps and phone lists of neighborhood leaders.
- i. Information shared about Senior Citizen Conference.
- j. Family Financial Asset Building program.
- k. Office of neighborhoods has prepared binders for all members.

## **9. Future Agenda Items:** March: CDBG process evaluation, April: Community Police Review Commission, Human Relations Commission

## **10. Other Business:**

- SusieQ Parker reported on activities of the arts subcommittee;
- Erin House reported on status of the abatement of the Motel 6 on La Sierra Avenue;
- Christina Duran and also that her daughter Carissa (Eastside Youth Advisory Council) will be going to Washington DC to represent California at a youth conference, report on Cops, Clergy and Community meeting;
- Steve Stearns reported on status of Sports Hall of Fame event on May 19 and also suggested the RNP write a letter of support for George Caravalho for his proactive management of the City. This is in response to an article in the Press Enterprise.  
(Stearns/McNiell/carried)

## **11. Next Meeting: March 5, 2004, 6:30pm – Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

## **12. Meeting adjourned**

Minutes prepared by Office of Neighborhoods